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user fees for a purpose. I don't think it's the same as some of the other areas that we have cut. Thank you. I'll turn the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Schrock. Followed by Senator Baker and Engel and others.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. If Senator Baker is listening, you said something that perked my interest, and so I have to tell you that I disagree with you on one issue. First of all, Senator Thompson, I appreciate your effort. It's probably not a good idea. Because even when we had money, Department of Roads was probably underfunded for what our road needs are in this state. But Senator Baker, you said it's a trust fund and we'd break trust with the people if we took the money out of it. Well, you know, the people voted on a lottery, and we set up an Environmental Trust Fund and an Educational Trust Fund. Guess what? Those weren't sacred. So I don't buy that argument. Probably a bad idea to take money out of the Highway Trust Fund. But I don't buy that argument. Because we decimated...there is no Educational Trust Fund anymore. And the Environmental Trust Fund is being consumed. And there are some real needs out there on environmental issues, some real needs. And we're just not...we don't have the money to do it. So we make our choices in here. Senator Pedersen, you were gone when your light came up. I would give you the rest of my time if you'd like it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Yes, Mr. President. And thank you, Senator Schrock. All I wanted to add, in my part, was, when we look at the Environmental Trust Fund, and look at interstate between Lincoln and Omaha, in all the years I've been down here, I have never driven the interstate on a regular basis, unless I had to go to work on Wednesday nights, which I bowed out of tonight so I could be here. But in the last year and this year, I go to a gym at 5:00 in the morning. And it's much more convenient than going all the way back to Elkhorn after I'm through working out, to bring the interstate. You people that travel back and forth from Omaha know that that interstate is